

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

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A semiconductor device has a semiconductor substrate 4; a first interlayer insulating film ~~2 formed~~ on the semiconductor substrate, and having first contact holes; first contact plugs ~~12 and 13 formed on the first interlayer insulating film 2 and~~ having portions buried in the first contact holes and portions ~~protruded~~ protruding from the surface of the first interlayer insulating film 2; sidewalls ~~15 formed~~ on the sides of the ~~protruded~~ protruding portions of the first contact plugs ~~12 and 13~~; a second interlayer insulating film ~~16 formed~~ on the first interlayer insulating film 2, the first contact plugs ~~12 and 13~~, and the sidewalls ~~15~~, and having second contact holes; and second contact plugs ~~19 and 20 formed on~~ in the second contact holes, and connected to the first contact plugs ~~12 and 13~~.